Communal violence

*68. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cities, towns and villages in the country witnessed communal violence since October, 1990; if so, the details thereof including the loss of life and property;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at several places, communal riots have taken place following the Rath Yatra during the month of October, 1990;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against recurrence of communal threats to the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Necessary details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Finalisation of the Eighth Five Year Plan

*69. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far t ough the period of Seventh Five Year Pl n is already over; and

(b) if so, by when the Planning Commission is likely to finalise the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The exercises relating to the finalisation of the Eighth Five Year Plan document are underway. The programme is to finalise the document by the end of March, 1991.

Strike by employees in J&K

*70. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the J&K Government had terminated the services of five senior officers of the State services; if so, the reasons for the same and what were the specific charges against each one of them;

(b) whether there was a strike of the State employees to bring pressure on the State Government to condone their dismissal and reinstate them;

(c) whether it is a fact that an agreement between the Government and leaders of coordination Committee of Employees has been signed to reinstate the dismissed officers;

(d) what are the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(e) what has been its impact on the morale of the police, para-military forces and the army engaged in J&K in restoring normalcy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The State Govt. had terminated the services of 5 senior state government officials whose activities were considered detrimental & prejudicial to the security of the State.

(b) The employees went on strike on several demands. The demand of reinstatement of the 5 officials whose services were terminated was added subsequently.

(c) and (d) An agreement with the following main features was reached with striking employees which led to the calling off of the strike:—

(i) The TADA Courts at Srinagar will function on a regular basis.

(ii) Cases of Govt. employees under detention including Dr. Guru would be reviewed and decision taken at the earliest;

(iii) It was decided to initiate action for the revocation of orders of termination of services of these five officials;

(iv) Representatives were assured that there will be no vindictive action against the employees who have been absenting themselves from work and that the period of absence will be suitably regularised for purpose of salary/wages.

(e) There is no report of any impact on the law enforcing agencies in J&K.

All party meet on Jammu & Kashmir

*71. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to call a meeiing of all political parties of the Jammu & Kashmir State to know their views and find out ways and means to tackle the problem there;

(b) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) what other efforts Government have made or propose to make to solve the Jammu and Kashmir problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Government is in touch with the representatives of political perties with a view to finding a solution to the problem in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Strong and effective measures are being continued to neutralise the terrorist and secessionist forces so that meaningful political process can commence without fear of reprisal from the terrorists.

Adverse effect of detergents

*72. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that detergents presently available in the markets contains chemicals which cause skin irritations and adverse effects on the health of users as per studies carried out by the Hindustan Lever Scientists which appeared in the Journal of Oil Technologists Association of India, October-December 1982 issue;

(b) whether Government are also aware that polyphosphate fillers used in detergents cause serious detrimental effect on living organisms in water and have been banned in many countries;

(c) whether a task force consisting of consumer interests such as CCSI, Bombay and VHAI, New Delhi will be set up on the subject; and

(d) whether Government have also seen a status report prepared for Department of Science & Technology in May 1987 on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Government have seen the report published in the Journal of Oil Technologies. The Bureau of Indian Standards has formulated three specifications for synthetic detergents with a view to ensure that the finished product after interaction with the raw materials used in the formulation are free from any harmful effect. Further the Bureau of Indian Standards has recently finalised an Indian Standard Method of Safety Evaluation of Synthetic Detergent; Part-2: Method of Test for Skin Sensitization Potential of Synthetic Detergent (Guinea Pig Maximisation Test). The requirement for total Phosphate and STPP have also been prescribed in the aforesaid three specifications. The composition of the Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards which went into these aspects includes among other Consumer Guidance Society